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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4877

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 4977

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE, S/NM

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, LA

SUBJ: FISCAL YEAR 1977 NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLANS

REF: STATE 139804

1. GIVEN TENUOUS STATE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN  
USG AND LAO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION  
(PGNU), TERMINATION OF USAID MISSION, THE SUSPENSION  
OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OPERATIONS IN LAOS, AND  
THE STATE OF UPHEAVAL IN WHICH THE COUNTRY FINDS ITSELF,  
THIS MISSION WILL NOT SUBMIT RESPONSE TO REFTEL BECAUSE  
IT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.

2. THE SITUATION PREVAILING HERE PRECLUDES ANY INITIATIVE  
ON OUR PART IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD AS IN MANY OTHERS  
AT THIS TIME. FOR THE MOMENT OUR INTENTION IS TO  
SUPPORT QUIETLY THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG  
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ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) EFFORTS, ALLOWING UNFDAC TO

TAKE INITIATIVE WITH REGARD TO ANY NARCOTICS  
CONTROL PROJECTS IN WHICH THE PGNU MAY BE INTERESTED  
OR WHICH IT WOULD BE WILLING TO TOLERATE.

3. AS WASHINGTON IS WELL AWARE, DURING PERIOD OF  
FOUR YEARS LAOS HAS GONE FROM A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF  
NARCOTICS TO U.S. TROOPS IN VIETNAM TO A PRODUCER  
THAT JUST MEETS DEMAND OF LOCAL ADDICTS FOR OPIUM.  
INDEED, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, LAOS IS NOW A  
NET IMPORTER OF OPIUM. WE MUST CREDIT THE EFFORTS  
OF THE VARIOUS AGENCIES (DEA, CUSTOMS, USAID, ETC.)  
THAT HAVE WORKED HERE IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD FOR MUCH  
OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

4. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAO  
PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) -- AS THE DOMINANT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC  
AND POLITICAL FORCE IN LAOS -- WILL NOT PERMIT  
RAMPANT TRAFFICKING OR CONSUMPTION OF NARCOTICS.  
EVERYTHING IN LAOS WILL SOON BE SLOSELY CONTROLLED.  
THUS, LPF ASSUMPTION OF POLITICAL CONTROL IN LAOS MAY  
HELP, RATHER THAN HINDER, THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT  
DRUG TRAFFIC. WE HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY THE PGNU WILL  
PERMIT PRIODIC VISITS BY DEA AGENTS TO AT LEAST  
VIENTIANE, BUT THAT TIME MAY BE MANY MONTHS OFF.

5. THIS MISSION WILL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO CONSIDER  
NARCOTICS CONTROL ONE OF OUR MAJOR INTERESTS IN LAOS  
AND WILL REMAIN ALIVE TO ANY POSSIBILITY OF WORKING  
WITH PGNU IN THIS FIELD.  
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